GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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DRUGS LABORATORIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the advanced laboratories set up to ensure the quality of drugs in the country, State-wise and Location-wise as on date;

(b) whether there is an acute shortage of the said laboratories in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures being taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a),(b) & (c): Nineteen State Governments have established theirown drug laboratories for testing drugs, details of which are given at Annexe-I. The infrastructural facilities available in the laboratories vary from State to State. Central Drugs Testing Laboratories have also been established at Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Kasauli and Ghaziabad which have facilities for testing all pharmaceutical dosages forms. For special products like vaccines and sera, comprehensive testing facilities are available at Central Research Institute, Kasauli.

(d): States which do not have facilities for testing drugs and pharmaceuticals use the facilities available at central laboratories for testing their drug samples. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare also assists states to augment their testing facilities in laboratories under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Sophisticated laboratory equipments worth of Rs.4.25 crore are being procured in the current year for supply to selected State as well as Central Laboratories.

In order to augment the drug testing facilities in the country and to ensure speedy analysis of the drug samples, the Ministry is establishing three more new Regional Drugs Testing Laboratories at Chandigarh, Hyderabad and Guwahati. Forefficient monitoring of the quality of biologicals, the Central Government has established the National Institute of Biologicals (NIB) at NOIDA (UP).

ANNEXURE-I

THE NO. OF STATE GOVT. DRUGS TESTING LABS. PRESENT IN THE COUNTRY

S.No.	Name of the State	No. of labs.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2
2.	Bihar	1
3.	Delhi	Nil
4.	Goa	1
5.	Gujarat	1
6.	Haryana	1
7	Himachal Pradesh	1

8.	Kammu & Kashmir	1
9.	Karnataka	1
10.	Kerala	1
11.	Madhya Pradesh	1
12.	Mahatashtra	1
13.	Orissa	1
14.	Punjab	1
15.	Rajasthan	1
16.	Tamilnadu	2
17.	Tripura	1
18.	Uttar Pradesh	1
19.	West Bengal	1
Total		20